THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) During the last five years, 272 jeeps were allotted to Maharashtra Legislators from pool of Disposal Vehicles (Legislators' Pool), out of which 8 Legislators took delivery of 8 jeeps, after payment of cost.

3996. [*Transferred to the 19th August*, 1992].

Promotions of Army Officers

3997. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army officers of all the three wings i.e. the army, navy and air force who had approached various courts in the country regarding their promotions;

(b) the criteria for the pomotion of army officers to the higher ranks; and

(c) the number of cases in which the courts have upheld officers contention during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) 82 Army, Navy and Air Force officers approached various Courts during 1990 and 1991 regarding their promitions; of these 8 were decided in favour of the petitioners.

The selection for promotion of officers to the higher ranks is made on the basis of their career profile, seniority and relative merit.

Purchases by Defence P. S. Us

3998. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tre defence P.S.Us. which have developed ancillary units;

(b) the names of the P.S.Us. which are making purchases from small scale industries;

(c) the value of purchases by the defence P.S.Us. from ancillary units during the last three years till date; and

(d) the value of purchases by the defence P.S.Us. from small scale units during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The names of the defence P.S.Us. which have developed ancillary units are as follows:—

1. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
2. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
3. Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)
4. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
5. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

(b) All the eight defence PSUs, named below, are making purchases from small scale industires:—

1. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
2. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
3. Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)
4. Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)
5. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)
6. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
7. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited
8. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)